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Recycling Is Back

by Angela Hatem

Wait one second before you throw your next term paper in the garbage can. Recycling has been re-instated at Marian, meaning your C- paper is worthwhile to someone.

Vice President of Mission Effectiveness, Sister Norma Rocklage, said recycling procedures ceased last year due to the weighty seven thousand dollar bill the school would have to pay to the company previously contracted for recycling. Ray's Recycling Service, Inc. demands a far lighter fee and has been enlisted to take care of the campus' recycling needs.

Recycling bins are stationed on all floors of Marian Hall and in the residence halls. In a few days they will also be found in Kavanagh, Padua, and Fisher halls as well as the Ruth Lilly Center and the admissions building. Acceptable items for the bins are computer printout paper, continuous form paper, green bar paper, cop machine paper, laser printer paper, white and colored office paper, letterhead, post-it notes, NCR paper, fax paper, manila folders, envelopes, and coated or glossy paper. Recycling no-no's include magazines, carbon paper, paper towel/tissue paper, photographic paper, phone books, newspaper, food wrappers, milk cartons, plastic bags, ground wood paper, and blue print paper.

Sister Norma advises that students be alert to what they are tossing in the bins. If any of the above contraband is found, the bin contents will not be taken for recycling. It is time to find a new place to dispose of those pizza boxes and beer bottles.

Enrollment Is Up

by Keyla Jones

Freshman enrollment is up this year at Marian and the effects reach beyond the classroom into the dorm room bringing about a dilemma: too many freshmen, and not enough traditional spaces.

According to Karen Kist, Associate Dean of Admissions, "Admission at Marian has increased, particularly among traditional-aged freshmen. While the official count is not

in just yet, we estimate that there are approximately 250 incoming freshmen this year compared to just 205 for last year."

With this increase comes the need to find appropriate housing. Female freshmen can still be found on the third floor of Clare Hall. However, through a newly created overflow system, female freshmen also live on the second floor of

Doyle, and the second floor of St. Francis. In addition, an all-male freshmen floor has been created on the third floor of Doyle Hall, with an overflow site on the second floor of Doyle. According to Roland Rydstrom, Assistant Dean for Campus Life, the sites are to serve as overflow, and as spots become available, the students may move if they wish.

Activities Fair 1999

by Viviane Seumel

On August 23, Marian's major clubs and organizations presented themselves and their programs to the freshmen at the 1999 Activities Fair. Even though some of the clubs did not attend the fair, the Ruth Lilly Center was filled with club representatives trying to recruit freshmen for their respective organizations.

Music Club

Plans four coffeehouses this year and another benefit concert for the Julian Center. "Last year we raised about \$800 and we will try to top that amount this year," president Lorelei Connor said.

MCSA

Will continue to work on extending the dorm visitation hours and revive a project to install a "dead week" before finals at Marian. The student government will also be involved with the restoration of the wetlands. MCSA president Mindy Wallpe said, "We will attempt to do more community service, so we can get out into Indianapolis and be

known." MCSA will also concentrate on encouraging joint club activities on campus.

Campus Events

Coordinator Samantha Baxter has kept many of the usually well-attended activities on the Marian agenda for this year. Among them are the hypnotist and performances by various comedians. One of the major new events for this year is a carnival to be held on Family Day.

Campus Ministry

The spring break mission trip of 2000 will be to West Virginia. A new Catholic identity group will be forming to give Catholic students an opportunity to exchange ideas and get answers. A *Life In The Spirit* seminar will be held for seven weeks during the first semester sponsored by the Charismatic Catholic Community. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Dance Team

Will perform during half time at the men's basketball

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Shakespeare & More

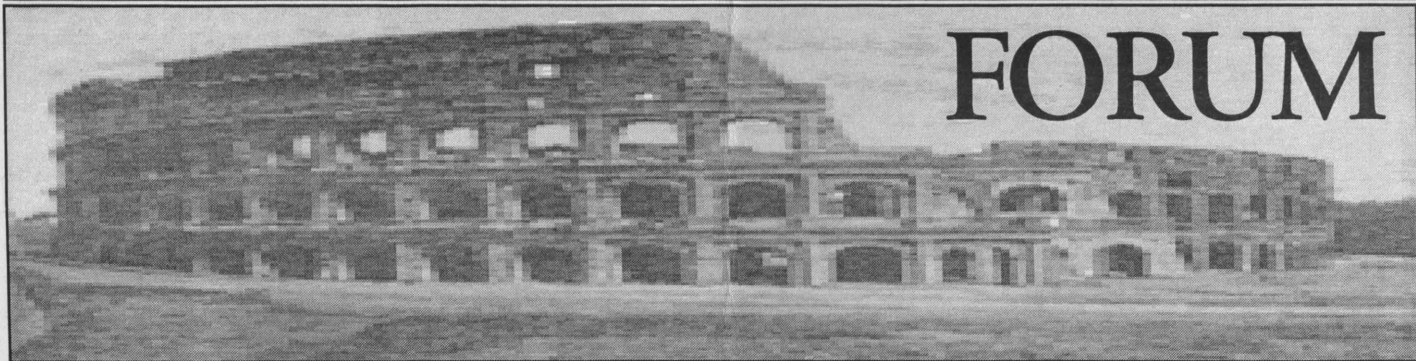
by Denise Stockdale

The class of '99 has graduated, the last couch has been nicely secured in the back of dad's pick-up, and most students have gone away for the summer. Summer means pools, lemonade stands, too many hot dogs, and another season of *Shakespeare & More*.

Shakespeare & More is a professional theater company, associated with Marian and Franklin College, dedicated to outdoor theater. This newly formed company provides college actors with an opportunity to work with experienced actors in a professional setting.

This summer marked the company's second season. After a successful four week run of Shakespeare's *As You Like It* last summer, the company was able to perform two shows this year: Moliere's *The Miser*, directed by Marian professor Beth Taylor, and Shakespeare's *Comedy of Errors* directed by Michael Swanson of Franklin

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FORUM

Meet Robert Abene President of Marian

by Viviane Seumel

Over his late lunch of a garden burger and pop, I finally meet the new Marian president, Dr. Robert Abene, in the second week of school. Of course, my first interest is

to find out how he likes it at Marian. "I love it," he says, "the people are warm and friendly." The great welcome he has been given even from people who didn't know who he was made Dr. Abene realize that "this is a value-driven institution with hospitality and care and concern for others." While Dr.

Abene says he met students at orientation, shooting baskets in the gym, and just walking around, many students still do not know who he is.

Dr. Abene thinks that his creativity, love for education,

and experience with "students' needs" will be a great asset to the college. "I'm a real visionary, a real dreamer," he says, "and when I have a vision or dream I want to see what can



be done to make it come true."

Dr. Abene considers his most important immediate project listening. "I want to go to every area of the college and have people tell me three things that

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They've Broken Our Contract

by Viviane Seumel

Ever since my freshman year, I have attended convocations because I stayed with the old general education program which had requirements somewhat different from the ones set forth in the current college catalogue. Many of these convocations are still anchored in my mind, not for the great topical impact they had on me, but for the technical embarrassment they were to the college.

My very first convocation "Catch the Marian Spirit," for instance, was a terrible experience. For more than one hour we had to watch a video about St. Francis and his mission that seemed to have been made in the 1940's with crackling sounds and spotted, blurry pictures. If I caught any spirit at all during that hour, it certainly wasn't the Marian one.

Now that I have reached my senior year, the agony of attending convocations was finally to be over. According to my general education program, I had attended the required twelve of these splendid events and thought myself free to enjoy my senior year Tuesday lunch hours. Then, without a warning, a new requirement was practically dumped on seniors. As part of our senior seminars, we now have to attend all of this year's convocations to graduate.

Some of the seniors, like me, hurried to get twelve convocations in, making for a convo-free senior year. Others chose the new general education program for, among

other reasons, the fact that it requires no attendance at convocations. Now it seems our general education contracts have been broken.

I would like to think that the goal of having seniors at convocations is as admirable as bringing them together in their senior year, culminating their Marian experience in the academic environment of convocations based on the central senior seminar topic "Progress: Change and Continuity." But remembering, for instance, Jon Entine's disastrous presentation, I am doubtful about the quality of this year's convocations. I was very interested in Entine's speech, but the microphone and projector did not work, destroying Entine's message and motivation.

In addition, the college might have ulterior motives for this decision. Since convocations have not been required, the auditorium has remained largely empty because few of us want to hear another boring speech or see the Marian technical equipment fail miserably once again. So it seems that to fill the seats and make the various speakers have an audience, seniors now must go to convocations.

I hope that this year, the microphone and the projector will work and, above all, that the topics will be of interest and beneficial to an audience of 22-year-old college seniors, making the convocations more than just a waste of time for those of us who pay to attend this institution.

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Freshman Journal

The Ups and Downs of a First Week at Marian

by Michael R. Glorioso

August 21

As my parents and I rode to the college, my stomach dropped. I was scared, nervous, and excited all at once. We found my dorm room and started moving me in. Boy, was that a hard trip up three flights of stairs with all my stuff. A lot of the upper classmen helped me move in. I met my RA and got all the things I needed from him, like my mail box and phone number. Then it was time for orientation, so I left my parents and it sunk in. I was in college. The people who I loved and had depended on for so long were leaving. I was alone with no one to talk to. I only knew one person. All the orientation staff was perky and happy. I hope after my first year I am like that. We broke into small groups and got to "know" each other.

August 22

I had a bad night last night. I kept on tossing and turning in my bed. I am just not used to a bed that small, I almost fell off. After the second orientation, I went to dinner and ate by myself. I walked around and sat outside of the Ruth Lilly Center. I really wanted to go home. Seven o'clock rolled around and it was time for the scavenger hunt, so I went. I met two people because I was tied to them. The hunt was dumb. I went to the activities fair and signed up for three clubs. A couple of upper classmen asked me if I wanted to go to the creek and play frisbee. So I went and the upper classmen were so cool. I had so much fun and they actually talked to me. I felt happy, the happiest I felt in the two days I was here.

August 23

I woke up early today to get my I.D. picture taken. My friend from home who goes here too called and I met her and her friends at dinner. I

have never been so quiet in all my life. I did not know what to say. A couple of upper classmen sat with us, but it was still quiet. So we left and went to play pool. Then we all saw the hypnotist.

August 24

Today started out slow. I did not want to go to class. It was rainy and I wasn't feeling so well, but I dragged myself out of bed and went to class. Classes were okay and I was glad I went to them. Then I went to dinner, played pool, and saw The Breakfast Club with a group of four people. I finally felt comfortable talking to these people I now call friends.

August 25

Today was a great day, one of the best I have had at Marian so far. I got some great news: me, a freshman, got stage manager for *Medea*, the college's fall show. How cool is that? Then I went to Karaoke, got over my fears of meeting people, and met so many new interesting people.

August 26

I went and auditioned for choir and I got into the Chamber Singers. I was so pumped about that. I have never been in a good choir. Then I went to *Medea* practice and then to bed.

August 27

It was a normal Friday. I went to class and after that I met some friends and we went to Broad Ripple to look around. That place was so cool. There are all these shops run out of people's homes. We came back about 8:30 and got ready for the Plain Jane concert. The band was not very good. I think if they were not a cover band, they would rock. So we left and went back to my friend's room and hung out. The first week of school was just what I suspected. I came not knowing anyone and now I have four friends and making more.

Foreign Correspondant

Don't Come Home Married

by Rachel Spitler

Rachel Spitler is a Marian College junior majoring in English and Spanish. She is currently spending a semester in Seville, Spain and will relate her experiences in a guest column for the Carbon.

Spanish men must have some secret power. I have never met a man from Spain, but they must be wonderful and mysterious. My entire family is afraid I will come home with a wedding ring and a man they can't understand. "Just make sure he's willing to come home with you and stay here!" My grandmother is so sure it will happen she is advising me on what type of man it should be. My mom, she doesn't want him to be poor, hoping for a pot at the end of my finger. That doesn't mean she would be happy if my imagined suitor would be rich. "If he's rich," she reasons, "he'll be cunning and smooth. You don't want some rich smooth talker."

Either my family and my friends are paranoid, or Spanish men have a lure no American woman can turn down. I will only be under their influence four short months. For the first I will barely be able to communicate with anyone outside "De donde esta el baño (Where is the bathroom)?" So that leaves this magical man only three months to win me over. Three months is not a long time to fall in love and get married. Don't mention time to my family; time means nothing under the spell of these dark-skinned men.

Older brothers throughout time have always been protective of their little sisters, and mine are no exception. My oldest brother can be quite intimidating when a boy comes

around, but the middle child Matt tends to speak less and observe more, rarely giving me advice. After I told Matt that I had broken off my serious relationship just one week ago, there was a pause. He said he was sorry, but it sounded like it was for the best, and then after another short pause he said, "Just don't come home married." As one of his rare pieces of advice, I was shocked at his serious tone and stopped laughing.

Pop is my quiet grandfather who enjoys listening to my grandmother and me chatter about various things over the noise of dinner cooking. The night after my brother's warning I enjoyed one of the last meals cooked by my grandmother for a long while (a classic American meal of fried chicken and mashed potatoes). We were discussing various aspects of my trip to Spain and all the people I would meet. With no warning and no prompting Pop raised his voice just a touch and said, "Now don't go over there and get married."

That final warning made me realize they were serious. I thought at first it was just my silly mom and grandmother worrying overmuch. Now it has become obvious that this fear has spread to the rest of the family and my friends as well. I don't know how those mysterious Spanish men have gained their reputation for wooing, but I'd be lying if I said I'm not anxious to find out.

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this college needs to advance," he says.

But, of course, no vision or dream will pay for itself. Dr. Abene plans on looking for foundational and individual sponsors after he has identified what the college needs. His background for fund raising are courses in the field as well as grant writing and developing projects at his previous place of employment, Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. "The most important thing in fund raising is communication and I have lots of experience in communicating with people. We have to connect what we need with what people can give. We have to entice people with the greatness of the Franciscan mission, so they will want to give."

Since the wetlands have been used as a dump for construction garbage last year, I ask Dr. Abene what his plans are for the wetlands. Even though he is not fully aware of the problems that have existed in the past with this area of

campus, he envisions the wetlands as "a beautiful nature center that people can enjoy." He says he will have to take a jog down there one day and take a look at the situation.

On the personal level, Dr. Abene is married to his wife Pat and has a twelve-year-old son Andrew.

"I love music, I used to be in a rock'n roll band called *The Young* in the sixties. I was the head of the band and the drummer." Dr. Abene also loves model railroading, collecting 1940's, 50's, and 60's stage models.

I leave the interview without a clear idea of where Marian is headed and bits of information about the man Dr. Abene. The most tangible thing I take from this meeting is a raffle ticket which a student sold to us as we were talking. To support her Marian sports team, Dr. Abene bought one ticket in his and one in my name. Maybe I will win a big screen TV and remember this interview forever.

Fall Season Sports Update

by Kevin Branigan

The Marian College cycling team will begin its quest for a third consecutive national title at the Cycling Championships September 9-12 in Los Angeles. Such a win would result in four titles in five years. The cyclists will face stiff competition from Stanford, Washington, and Colorado universities just to name a few. "Hopefully the hard work and dedication will pay off again for the Knights," Elizabeth Morse, member of the team, said.

The men's soccer team lost a tough game to Earlham, 5-2, at their season opener. Kerry Williams scored a goal and Matt East chipped in with a goal and an assist for the Knights. The team plays St. Mary's of Michigan at home on September 11 at 3:00, and travels to Grace on the 15. With the addition of our new soccer field on campus, Coach Nirrengarten hopes that students will come support the team.

The women's soccer team plays St. Mary's of Michigan at home on September 11 at

1:00. In addition, the team travels to Grace on the 14 and Defiance at on the 17.

The women's tennis team started the year successfully by beating Anderson University 9-0 in team play. Congratulations to Michelle Lenahan, Kristi Nord, Jesse Corbin, Mandi Schooler, Jill Hayden, and Krista Coppes. The men and women host Grace College on September 11 at 11:00. The women will host the University of St. Francis on September 14 at 3:00 and the men travel to Depauw University on the 14.

The men's and women's cross country teams travel to Hanover on September 11 for the Hanover Invitational and travel to Notre Dame on the 17 for the National Catholic Meet.

The Knights volleyball team will make a short trip to the University of Indianapolis on September 8 at 7:00. The team will then go on the road for matches at Franklin College on the 14 and a tournament at Rose-Hulman on the 17 and 18.

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College. Marian students Brian Noffke, Marc Kircher, Angela Hatem, and Denise Stockdale participated in this summer's season. The two shows ran in a sequence of four weekends, two at Marian and two at Franklin.

The season opened on July 9 with the *Miser*, the first production to be performed at the

newly constructed amphitheater.

Both shows had a very successful run and received great reviews. If you missed these shows, don't miss the next opportunity to experience outdoor theater when *Medea* is performed on September 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, and 26 at 8 pm with Sunday performances at 2 pm at the amphitheater.

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home games. Tryouts are in September.

Future Educators Association

Will have a series of speakers related to education visit the college. "We will also offer workshops for future teachers and do service for the college," Susie Beesley, Associate Professor in the Education Department, said.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Is focusing on providing evening activities for those interested in closer fellowship with other Marian students. They will also hold their second annual lock-in in February.

Many of the other Marian clubs and organizations plan to continue their annual events and other successful activities.

The Carbon needs reporters for all beats, cartoonists and other artists, and guest writers.

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